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27366 7590 01/28/2008 WESTMAN CHAMPLIN (MICROSOFT CORPORATION) SUITE 1400 900 SECOND AVENUE SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402-3319			EXAMINER SHAH, PARAS D	
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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Paras Shah	2626	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Paras Shah. (3) Chris Christenson.
 (2) Patrick Edouard. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 07 January 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Nassiff et al. (US 6,418,410).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.


(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The interview mainly focused on claim 1. The limitation discussed was modifying the probability associated with a pronunciation. The Applicants argue that the Nassiff reference does not modify the probability associated with a pronunciation. The specific section of Nassiff was pointed out to the applicants to show that the pronunciation as claimed was the updating of a language model as denoted in Nassiff. It was also mentioned that the limitations are broad and the term acoustic model should be incorporated to make the claim more narrower. However, no agreement was reached..



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